



# 2022 Annual Report

Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee







# 90% vs 60%

According to the most recent data from the National Survey of Organ Donation Attitudes and Practices, 90% of the U.S. adult population supports organ donation but only 60% are signed up as donors.

Register Today!



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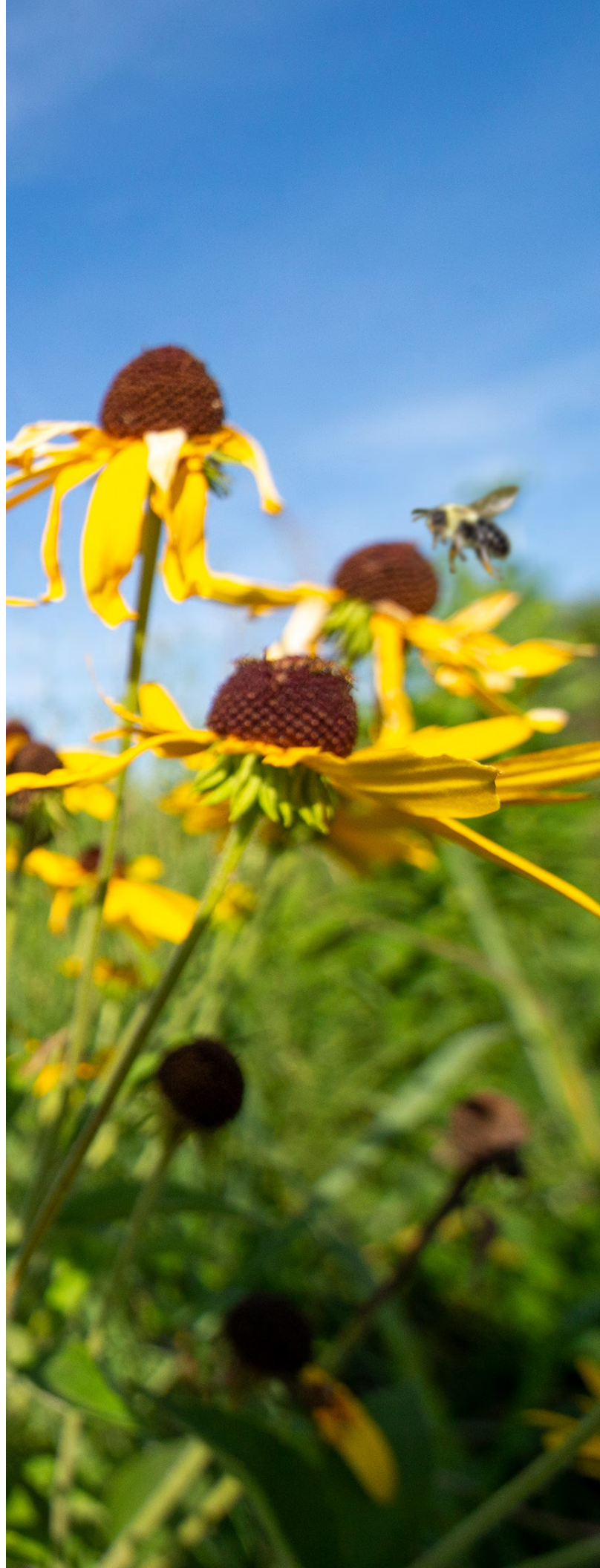
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*Debra Simaitis*

## From the **Acting Chair and Vice-Chairperson**

**A**s Acting Chair and Vice-Chairperson of the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee (GODAC) during Fiscal Year 2022, I am pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report.

The GODAC is a unique and vitally important committee that serves Missourians waiting on the transplant list and the Missourians who have said "yes" to donation. We bring together representatives from Mid-America Transplant, Midwest Transplant Network, Saving Sight, Gift of Life, and the Missouri Kidney Program with the shared goal of saving and healing lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation. We also honor the more than 4.2 million Missourians currently listed in our statewide, confidential donor registry.

Fiscal Year 2022 saw GODAC return to normalcy with five in-person/virtual meetings. We also saw growth as we welcomed newly appointed members to the committee. This report will describe some of our activities, programs and goals, all of which were possible because of our partners, the Departments of Health and Senior Services, Elementary and Secondary Education, Revenue and Conservation.

On a personal note, I have been a Donor Mom for 21 years. In early 2022, I also became a Donor Wife. My daughter and husband entrusted me with honoring their final wishes. My family believes that organ and tissue donation turns tragedy into a source of hope and promise for the future.

With gratitude, Deb Simaitis



*Paula Nickelson*

## From the **Director**

**O**n behalf of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, our sincerest thanks to the GODAC members for their dedication and time invested in monitoring the organ and tissue donation environment, making recommendations to the program, and continuing to guide education and awareness programs in our state. DHSS is especially appreciative of the committee's work in instituting the state's donor family recognition program. On a personal note, my father received the gift of sight thanks to the generosity of a donor. It was an honor and privilege to meet many fellow donor families during the 2022 Donor Family Recognition Day at our state's capitol.

Along with Governor Parson's appointments of new members in 2022, DHSS also says goodbye to two members and a strong volunteer advocate. Please take a moment to read their stories on page 3. Governor Parson signed SB 710 and HB 2331, both of which had provisions supporting state efforts. You can read more about how the newly passed legislation impacts the program on page 8.

The Department of Revenue and all of the local license offices have played a tremendous role in registering donors, collecting funds and supporting those individuals waiting for a transplant. Pages 15 and 19-25 demonstrate their dedication through data, recognitions and participation in educational activities.

A special note of thanks to Missourians for your generosity as registered donors, contributors and advocates for organ, eye and tissue donation. You make a difference every day.

Respectfully, Paula Nickelson



# Advisory Committee Members



*Debra Simaitis*

**Acting Chair, Vice-Chairperson**

Term: 2011-Present  
Donor Family Representative



*Jan Finn*

**Member**

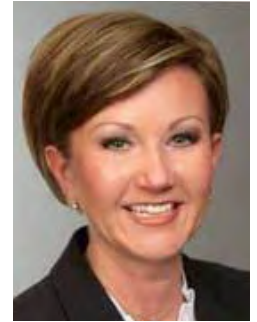
Term: 1999-Present  
Organ Procurement Organization Representative



*Peter Nicastro*

**Member**

Term: 2006-Present  
Organ Recipient Representative



*Lori Clark*

**Member**

Term: 2022-Present  
Organ Procurement Organization Representative



*Mary Ann Burns*

**Member**

Term: 2022-Present  
Donor Family Representative



*Kevin Lee*

**Member**

Term: 2022-Present  
Organ Procurement Organization Representative



*Virginia Beatty*

**Secretary**

Term: 2006-Present  
DHSS Representative

The committee recommends expenditure priorities from the Organ Donor Program Fund; assists in the development of organ donor awareness programs; and submits an annual report of activities and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services ([RSMo 194.297](#), [194.299](#), and [194.302](#)). The Committee is dedicated to this service through collaboration with partners across the state.

## APPOINTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

The Governor appointed and the Senate confirmed four individuals in FY22: Kevin Lee, Mid-America Transplant; Lori Clark, Midwest Transplant Network; Mary Ann Burns, donor family; and Kenny Kovacs, Saving Sight. Phil Duncan, recipient, resigned from the committee in February 2022. He served 11 years and received an award for his dedicated service. Kenny Kovacs took a new position in March 2022, leaving his seat open on the committee.

The GODAC Committee monitors the Organ Donor Program Fund balance and registry data, engages with donor families, and continues to monitor, discuss and make recommendations on any concern related to organ, eye and tissue donation. During the 2022 Regular Legislative Session, the committee provided feedback to the Department about legislation. Election of officers was postponed until FY23 so new members can become oriented to the committee.



# Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

## Remembering *by Committee Members*



*Sanford "San" Simaitis*

In the course of our work, we meet many dedicated volunteers who commit countless hours to increasing public education on organ and tissue donation. For many years, we had the privilege of serving with one of these volunteers, Sanford "San" Simaitis.

Always available with a warm smile and a kind word, San belonged to a special class of volunteers. San was the father of a donor hero - his daughter, Laura. Ever present at Donor Family Recognition events and committee meetings; San was committed to engaging with people across the state to increase registry enrollment.

We are grateful to have known San and to have served with him. He will be missed. *Kevin Lee*

After 11 years of service to the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee, Phil Duncan retired in February 2022. Duncan represented transplant recipients on the committee and served a term as vice-chairperson. He is a heart recipient and a man of service. He served 35 years as a lineman for Kansas City Power and Light. He retired from the Missouri Army National Guard. And, he was mayor of Belton, Mo., for two terms.



*Phil Duncan*

Both honored and humbled by his donor's gift, he speaks to all he encounters about donation. He pulled the Donate Life Globe in many parades. He continues to devote time to educating high school students and visiting license offices. And, Phil assisted with the annual Donor Family Recognition Day at the state capitol. Duncan once said "As a heart recipient, I am grateful, blessed and will continue to give back to the community." We thank Phil for his leadership and dedication and wish him the best. *Virginia Beatty*

It is with sad hearts, that we report, our past committee chair, colleague, and friend, Chaplain Joan Marie Keiser, passed away on April 13, 2022. She served the committee for 10 years, and the last two years as chairwoman. Ms. Keiser was a huge part in creating the donation culture at Mercy Springfield and played a vital role as a member of the Committee. She chaired and served as a key leader in the growth of the Donor Family Recognition Program, where she brought her empathy and understanding to the experience of donor families. She will be missed greatly by many. *Peter Nicastro*



*Joan Keiser*

# Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

## Adapting *by Virginia Beatty*

The Department's Organ and Tissue Donor Program saw many changes during fiscal year 2022 (FY22). We said goodbye to, and welcomed, two staff members. FY22, like the previous fiscal year, began with COVID-19 response activities. During that time, staff continued to keep program activities moving forward. The professionalism, strengths, passion and qualities of the new staff, Ian Collins and Angela Hammen, assures the Organ and Tissue Donor Program will continue to reach for the vision of protecting health and keeping people safe. Aspirational goals include: (1) every Missourian in need of a life-saving transplant receives one, (2) all Missourians who choose to be organ, eye and tissue donors are registered in Missouri, (3) registered donors talk with their families about their decision, and (4) the confidential registry remains an effective and technologically modern tool.

### Registry Modification Coming

The Department is in the planning phase of making modification to the Donate Life Missouri registry to make administrative functions more efficient.

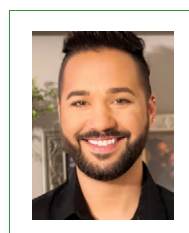
[DonateLifeMissouri.org](https://DonateLifeMissouri.org)



*Ian Collins*



*Angela Hammen*



Mr. Ben Pringer said goodbye to the program as

the administrative assistant in May 2019. He was promoted within the Department. We are thankful for all of the contributions he made to the program. His compassionate and witty personality, professionalism, attention to detail and planning skills lent to his ability to provide exceptional customer service and in assisting program efforts. We wish Mr. Pringer the best as he continues his public health career.

Ms. Rachel Allen said farewell as the Health Program

Representative in November 2021 when she took a promotion to continue her professional career. We are grateful for all of the contributions she made to the program. Her professionalism and customer service skills built relationships with the public, partners and team members. She managed the Donor Family Recognition Program with steadfast determination. We wish Ms. Allen the best in her public service career.



Ian Collins, Public Health Program Associate, attended Embry-Riddle and State Fair Community Colleges. He is EMS trained. Previously Mr. Collins worked for Missouri Eye Consultants and Saving Sight completing cornea recoveries. He brings years of experience and knowledge about tissue donation. He also has a passion for flying small aircraft. Mr Collins is responsible for the Registry, Donor Family Recognition Program, and assists with education, outreach, partnership and planning efforts. We welcomed Mr. Collins to the program February 16, 2022.

Angela Hammen, Administrative Support Assistant, received a Certified Nurses Certificate from Nichols Career Center. She has experience working with youth and seniors. She has also worked as an Unemployment Claims Specialist. Ms. Hammen assists with the Registry, communicating with the public, assisting with the Donor Family Recognition Program and planning efforts. She also supports the Asthma, Arthritis and the Cardiovascular and Diabetes program. We welcomed Ms. Hammen to the program March 14, 2022.





## Remember/Honor

### Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

#### Honoring *by Ian Collins*

The 7th annual Donor Family Day Recognition program was held in person April 12, 2022. The 2022 program differed from previous in-person events through the use of three locations to honor 89 organ, eye and tissue donors from across Missouri. The event expanded beyond the Capitol to include the Harry S. Truman building and the Carnahan Memorial Garden, also known as the Governor's Garden.

Donor families were invited to visit the Capitol building and grounds. Midwest Transplant Network, Mid-America Transplant and Saving Sight were on hand in the Capitol third floor rotunda to meet with families and show their gratitude for the generous gift of life their loved ones provided. A picture wall was in place for families to display a photo to honor their loved one. The capitol portion of the event had an incredible turnout which was a wonderful outcome for all involved in planning of the event.

The Donor Family Recognition Day program took place at the Harry S. Truman state building. Families enjoyed creating bracelets with their loved ones name that gave the gift of life. The donor families also decorated luminary bags. These bags were on display in the Carnahan Memorial Garden that evening. Program speakers shared powerful stories of their personal donor or transplant journey. First Lady Teresa Parson shared her brother's organ donation story. Moreover, each family received a certificate of appreciation with the name of their loved one. Department of Health and Senior Services Acting Director Paula Nickelson presented the certificates.

In the evening, families gathered in the Carnahan Memorial Garden. It was a quiet time for families to reflect on the gift their loved one had given and their personal journey. The luminaries were lit by candle and placed in the garden. The evening ended with a prayer by Rev. Anthony McPherson from Mid-America Transplant.

Donor Family Recognition Day 2022 was memorable, and the event continues to grow. Planning is underway for the 2023 event by program staff, partners and sponsors.

**89**  
Donors  
Honored

**187**  
Donor Family  
Participants

**158**  
Video Views



*Miss Northeast Outstanding Teen, Camryn Crist visiting with a young donor family member.*



## Organizations Involved

- Governor's Office
- The First Lady's Office
- Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee
- Crist Family
- Mid-America Transplant
- Saving Sight
- Midwest Transplant Network
- Missouri Kidney Program
- Department of Conservation
- Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company
- Department of Health and Senior Services



*Luminaries on the Carnahan Memorial Garden stairs.*



*Mr. Peter Nicastro, recipient and advisory committee member, speaking with Donor Families and reflecting on their loved ones' gifts.*





# Educate, Inspire, Share

## Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

### Generosity by Virginia Beatty

On May 13, 2022, the program had the honor of receiving a financial gift from the Missouri Association for Court Administrators. Established in 1986, the association's purpose is to define, educate, and achieve the art and science of court administration. Each year, the association picks a cause to support and in 2022, they chose the Missouri Organ and Tissue Donor Program and state registry. Program staff were presented a check in the amount of \$8,205, which the program humbly accepted in the state capitol park.



L to R: President-Elect LaJohna Wooldridge; President Colleen Massey-Skaggs; Virginia Beatty, Ian Collins, and Angela Hammen of the Department of Health and Senior Services; Liz Rask with Midwest Transplant Network, and Kaitlyn Massey of Mid-America Transplant.

Missourians are generous people. Over 4.2 million are registered donors and many contribute to the Organ Donor Program Fund while visiting their local license office. During FY22, Missourians donated over \$335,000 when renewing a license and over \$18,000 when submitting their Missouri tax returns.

## Financial Report

### Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee Report

September 9, 2022

#### FY 2022 Budget Report

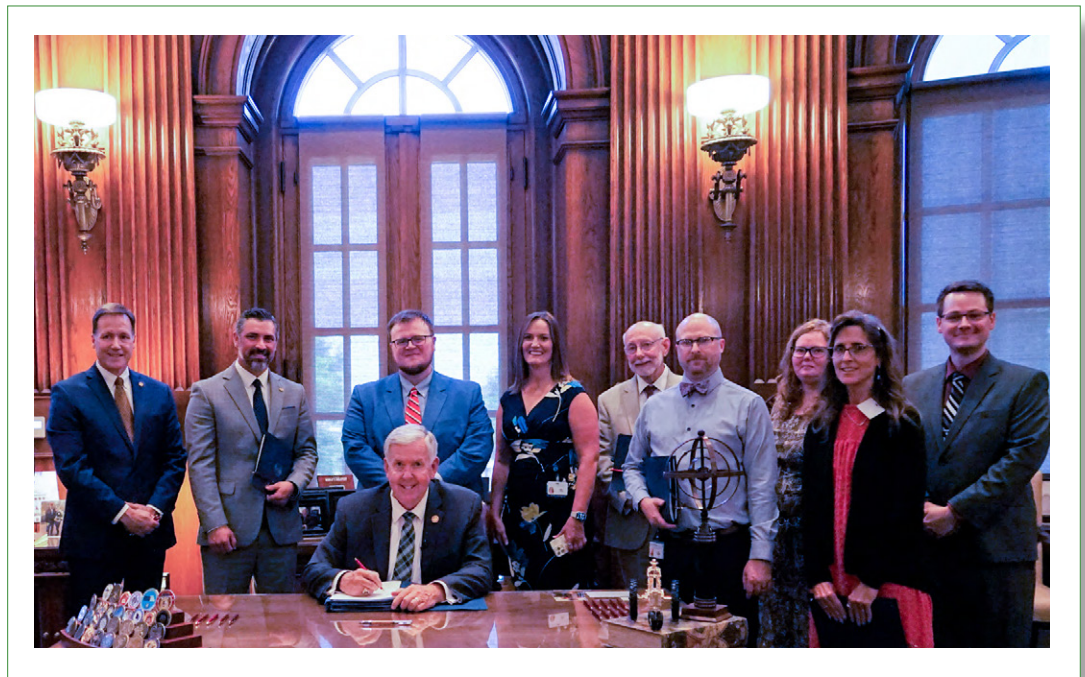
	Budget (7/1/2021-6/30/2022)	Actual Activity (7/1/2021-6/30/2022)
<b>Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2021)</b>	\$ 565,368.38	\$ 565,368.38
<b>Revenues</b>		
Donations (License Renewals)	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 335,225.35
Income Tax Check Off	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 18,614.00
Emblem Use (License Plates)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,585.00
DHSS Direct Contributions (Includes P-Card Rebates)	\$ 360.00	\$ 10,394.83
Unclaimed Property Donations	\$ 600.00	\$ 689.36
MSECC Donations	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 705.73
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 326,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 381,214.27</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Payroll Related Expenses (1225 &amp; 3881)</b>	\$ 188,407.40	\$ 188,407.40
<b>Expense &amp; Equipment (1230)</b>		
Annual Report	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,232.66
Education & Program Initiatives:		
Printed Publications	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,907.35
Other (Materials, Initiatives, Media, MoKP, etc.)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 2,907.35
Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 752.65
Toll Free Line & Voice Mail	\$ 120.00	\$ 71.50
Training (Staff)	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 360.00	\$ 2,070.84
Travel	\$ 250.00	\$ 98.88
	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 2,993.87
<b>Registry Expenses (3885)</b>		
DRS Hosting & Disaster Recovery Network	\$ 65,088.00	\$ 65,088.00
DRS Maintenance (Software Licenses, Patches, etc.)	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
DRS Risk Management (Cloud Storage Fee)	\$ 11.00	\$ -
Web Domains	\$ 182.00	\$ 140.19
Registry Modifications (PAQ Process)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 98,281.00	\$ 88,228.19
Refunds	\$ 25.00	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 295,993.40</b>	<b>\$ 285,769.47</b>
<b>Estimated Available Ending Cash Balance (June 30, 2022)</b>	<b>\$595,534.98</b>	
<b>Available Cash Balance (June 30, 2022)</b>		\$ 660,813.18
Department Operations, Network Costs & Pending Charges (Unavailable for Program Purposes)	\$ 11,936.00	\$ 70,947.77
<b>Projected Organ Donor Fund Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 607,470.98</b>	<b>\$ 731,760.95</b>

## Legislation *by Virginia Beatty*

On June 30, 2022, Governor Michael L. Parson signed HB 2331 and SB 710. The bills allow the Organ Donor Program Fund to receive contributions from grants, gifts, bequests, the federal government and other sources. This will allow the program to pursue funding to support programmatic efforts including education, registry, living donation, donor family initiatives, training, and strategic planning efforts.

The state treasurer is to invest any moneys in excess of \$500,000, not required for immediate disbursement, in the same manner that surplus state funds are invested. The earnings will be deposited back into the Organ Donor Program Fund. The passage and signing of these two pieces of legislation became effective on August 28, 2022.

*Seated: Governor Michael L. Parson. Standing L to R: Representative Allen Andrews, Representative Ben Baker, Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) employees Michael Oldweiler, and Keri Burk; Senator Bill White, and DHSS staff Ian Collins, Angela Hammen, Sandra Hentges and Daniel Bogle.*



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# Educate, Inspire, Share

## Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

### Together We Are Better *by Virginia Beatty*

COVID-19 continued into FY22 and staff shifted efforts from COVID-19 to program activities in February 2022. Vacant staff positions were filled, and program activities resumed, including the Donor Family Recognition Program.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently modified care coordination measures.

One of those measures is the Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted or PPPW. With this measure and the efforts of Missouri Kidney Program, the My Transplant-Ready Workbook is being utilized by many dialysis centers for their patients who are ready to seek a transplant.

In FY23, the Organ and Tissue Donor Program,

Missouri Kidney Program, and Health Literacy Media will begin working on improving the workbook.

Program staff continue to work with Gift of Life and volunteers to present the Learn Life Savers program to schools within their assigned



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geographic location. Local school board associations have welcomed the presentations and they decide if the online program will be presented in their school district. Learn Life Savers has been accepted by many districts.

## Missouri Kidney Program

### ETCLC *by Laurie Hines*

Missouri Kidney Program Director Laurie Hines was invited and accepted being a member of the federally-led work group named End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative or the ETCLC. This national learning collaborative and change package of transplant facilities, organ procurement organizations, and patient/family advocates is focused on improving the number of deceased kidney donors, increasing the number of kidneys made available for recovery/transplant and decreasing the number of recovered kidneys that are discarded.

### Transplant Assistance *by Laurie Hines*

The Missouri Kidney Program (MoKP) reimburses for non-medical related expenses for a transplant recipient and/or a living donor. This can include lost wages due to time off from surgery and travel expenses. There are many barriers to transplant and these funds help alleviate some of those barriers. The Transplant Assistance Program will reimburse up to \$1,000 for each applicant.

In an effort to continue to reach recipients, MoKP continues to cultivate relationships with transplant centers throughout Missouri.



Missouri Kidney Program  
University of Missouri

## Missouri Kidney Program

### Dental Assistance *by Laurie Hines*

The Missouri Kidney Program recognized that many of the people we serve with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) face significant barriers to oral healthcare, which often results in worsening conditions and diminishing their already restricted quality of life. The MoKP team decided to expand MoKP's financial assistance support to include oral health. The team applied for a grant with Delta Dental of Missouri. The grant application was to pilot a program, collect the data, and determine the full extent of the need.

The grant application was completed and submitted. If

awarded, notification will be received in FY23.

Meanwhile, and in collaboration with the Missouri Primary Care Association, the team reached out to seven Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) around the state to secure facilities willing to embark on this unprecedented pilot program. If awarded, the program will provide restorative and pre-transplant care for MoKP's participant population. We look forward to learning about the particular oral health needs and gaps in care for this often-neglected population.

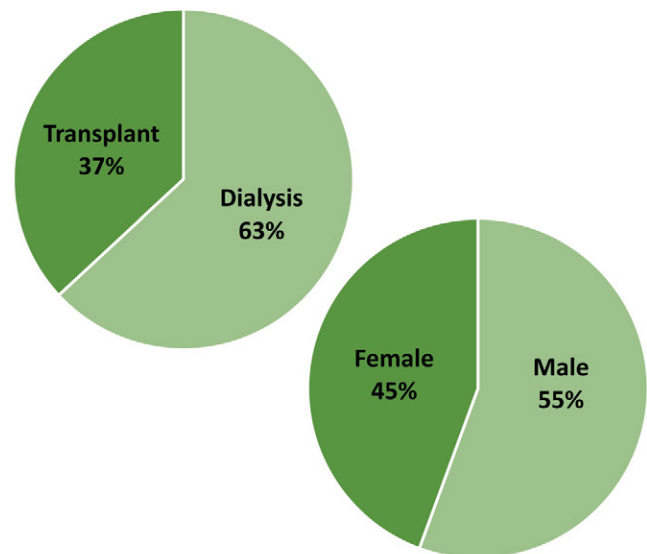
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Assistance Provided to Participants

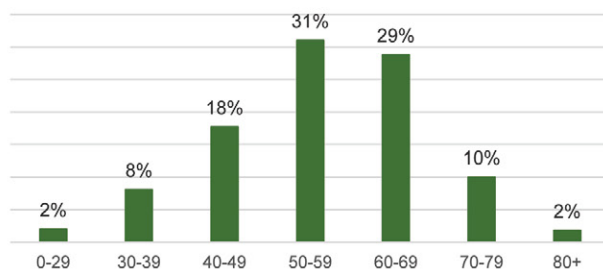
	# Participant	Amount Spent
Transportation	190	\$180,939
Private Premiums	82	\$236,993
Transplant Assistance	11	\$10,950
Medication Co-Pays	0	\$0
Centralized Drug Program	1,045	\$142,143

Other Assistance Provided by MoKP

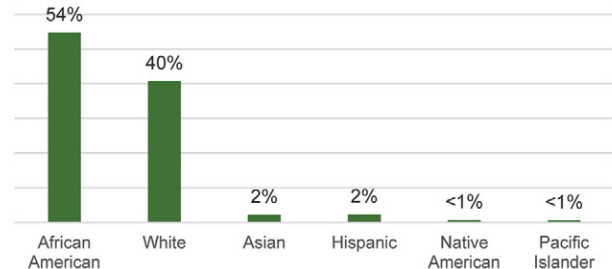
	# Participant	Amount Spent
Spenddown Pay-In	488	\$678,244
Ticket to Work	78	\$57,929



Participant Age



Participant Race





# Educate, Inspire, Share

## Gift of Life

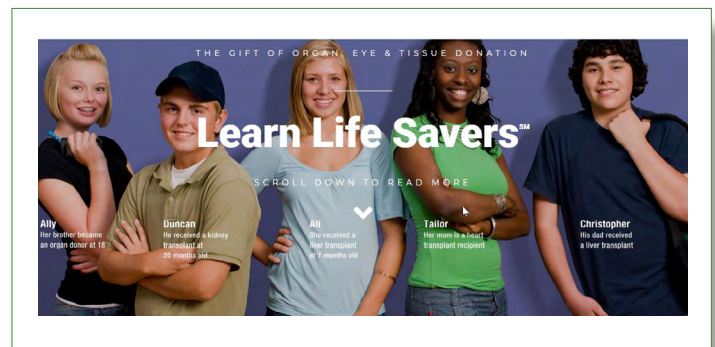
### Educating High School Students in Missouri | [learnlifesavers.com](https://learnlifesavers.com)

by Kim Harbur

As Missouri and the rest of the country begin to face a new normal, Gift of Life (GOL) is back! GOL is back in high school classrooms in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas. The classroom course, Life Savers, educates students about organ, eye, and tissue donation. Yet, we cannot get to every classroom in Missouri for an in-person presentation. So, Learn Life Savers was born.

The Gift of Life and a subcommittee of the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee (GODAC) formed a creative team. The team used the Life Savers program as a starting point. Legislation passed in 2018 giving GODAC the opportunity to present to local school boards of education. In 2019, the customization of the Life Savers program transformed into an on-line teacher guided lesson plan, Learn Life Savers. The plan includes teacher resources and is available free of charge with one click. With both programs, educating high school students across the state is attainable.

The goal is for students to understand the question "Do you want to be a donor?" when they receive a drivers' license or state identification card. The program encourages students to share their informed decision with a loved one, because the conversation matters.



The state, divided into regions, has team leaders. The leaders train volunteers who assist in presenting to school boards. Response from local school boards has been positive. The goal is to reach all 500 school districts by the end of 2025.

Challenging, yet attainable!

## Empowering teens to communicate the value of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

**Life Savers<sup>SM</sup>** is a high school education program that encourages individuals to share their informed decisions about organ, eye, and tissue donation with their loved ones...because the conversation matters.

Source: <https://learnlifesavers.com/>



## Mid-America Transplant

### Fans for Life *by Karen Spector*

In 2022, Mid-America Transplant (MT) launched the *Fans for Life* campaign with the St. Louis Cardinals and their AA affiliate, the Springfield Cardinals. The spokesperson for this partnership is 2006 World Series Most Valuable Player, David Eckstein. The campaign focuses on raising awareness around the need for organ and tissue donors and encouraging people to join the organ, tissue, and eye donor registry.

David Eckstein and his family are strong advocates for organ and tissue donation. Four of David's family members have received kidney transplants, and three additional family members have donated their kidneys. As part of the partnership, David recorded radio spots which played during all home and away games. In these radio spots, David asked Cardinals fans to join the registry at [www.FansforLife.org](http://www.FansforLife.org). The organization held registry events at home games in St. Louis and Springfield throughout the season.

The Cardinals partnership allowed our staff to interact with thousands of people to share the importance of joining the registry. This collaboration led to nearly 200 people signing up to give hope to those who wait. We look forward to the 2023 baseball season and encouraging our community to become a *fan for life*.



*Shera Rucker and Kaitlyn Massey*



*Game Day Booth Items*

## Family House

SCAN FOR A  
VIRTUAL TOUR



In May 2022, Mid-America Transplant opened its new, expanded Family House providing more patients waiting for and recovering from organ transplants a comfortable, safe place to rest and heal. As patients must relocate to St. Louis for their lifesaving transplant, finding a comfortable and affordable place to stay can be a real challenge for families. Family House allows them to stay together during this period and focus on what matters most--the health and recovery of the patient. "The Family House is an important part of our mission to be stewards of our donors' lifesaving gifts," said Diane Brockmeier, President and CEO at Mid-America Transplant. "Family House will allow us to better support recipients and families by providing a home away from home during the difficult time of treatment and recovery." With six one-bedroom and 15 two-bedroom private residences, the new facility more than doubled the number of families Mid-America Transplant is able to serve compared to the original Family House. ~ Karen Spector

## Midwest Transplant Network

### Volunteer Spotlight: Toni Eaglen *by Nichole Asquith*



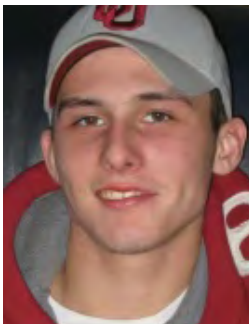
Toni Eaglen

Toni Eaglen joined the Midwest Transplant Network (MTN) volunteer Ambassador team in 2015 just a little over a year after losing her son, Kevin. Kevin had come home to watch his little brother play in the first home football game of the year; sadly, he would be involved in a fatal ATV accident on the way to the game.

Toni recalls her youngest son, Brodie, talking about a helicopter flying over the game that evening and looking to the sky to tell the person inside, "Don't worry, I've got you." At the time, Brodie did not know that was his brother being life-flighted to a nearby trauma center.

When Toni recalls hearing that Kevin had joined the organ, eye and tissue donor registry at the local license office, she felt overwhelming pride. Although she struggled to understand why her son was taken from her, she has found great comfort in believing that God hand-picked her son to be the answer to others' prayers. Kevin donated his kidneys, lungs, corneas and additional tissues.

"Don't worry,  
I've got  
you."



Kevin Jacobs

Over the years, Toni has found that serving as an Ambassador plays a huge role in her grief journey, allowing her to keep Kevin's legacy going throughout the community. In fact, since joining the program, Toni has given more than 60 hours of service to MTN. She has volunteered throughout MTN's service area, including visits to many of our DMV partners as well as arranging for table opportunities in the Sullivan County community and throughout the service area.

### National Collaborative Drives Improvement *by Becky Storm*

Midwest Transplant Network is participating in the End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative (ETCLC), a federal collaborative designed to improve treatment choices for those with kidney disease over a five-year timespan. The ETCLC has three aims: increase the number of deceased donor kidneys transplanted; decrease the national discard rate of all procured kidneys; and increase the percentage of change for kidneys recovered for transplant in the 60 – 85 Kidney Donor Profile Index score group.

Each ETCLC participant selects their desired initiatives from the program's Change Package. Midwest Transplant Network's chosen focal areas are: honor First Person Authorization without exception, provide consistent messaging to families in critical care settings, incorporate end-stage renal disease facts into stakeholder education opportunities and develop an expedited allocation protocol for donation after circulatory death. Donor hospitals and transplant centers within MTN's service area have also committed to the ETCLC, further leveraging process improvement with kidney donation and utilization outcomes.

## Saving Sight

**Celebrating and Honoring the Gift of Sight** *by Annie Kuhl*



*Saving Sight Hospital Development Manager, Darcey Ross, offers treats as a thank you to the team at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia, Mo.*



*Data Source: Saving Sight*



In November 2021, Saving Sight joined the Eye Bank Association of America along with the eye banking community to celebrate Eye Donation Month. During this month, we acknowledged and commemorated the lives of those who have given the gift of sight through eye donation. The theme of Eye Donation Month, “A Community of Compassion,” focused on the passion of many individuals who come together to facilitate the gift of eye donation.

Throughout the month of November, Saving Sight’s hospital development team made in-person visits to many of our donor hospitals to drop off boxes of goodies and personally thank staff. The boxes were filled with snacks and spa goods to help give nurses a moment to focus on self-care and relaxation during an otherwise difficult and busy time. This was our way of providing a break for healthcare workers who are tirelessly caring for patients.

Thanks to the work of compassionate partners all throughout Missouri, including donor hospitals, funeral homes, medical examiners, and corneal transplant physicians, Saving Sight was able to provide the healing gift of eye donation to nine individuals each day during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.







# Educate, Inspire, Share

## Missouri Department of Revenue *by Gina Wisch*

The Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR) Division of Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing Division and its contract license offices continue as significant contributing partners in donor registry enrollment and monetary contributions. During FY 2022, the DOR issued approximately 1.5 million driver license, nondriver license or permit transactions. During these transactions each applicant should be presented with the opportunity to indicate their election to enroll or continue enrollment in the registry and their election to have the donor symbol placed on the face of their printed document.

During 2022, the DOR continued to present motor vehicle and driver license record holders with the opportunity to enroll in DOR's electronic notification program. As of July 2022, persons who had enrolled in the electronic notification program began receiving their motor vehicle and driver license renewal notification by text or email.

On December 5, 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a further extension of the full enforcement provisions REAL ID Act of 2005 until May



7, 2025. The DOR, and its contract offices encourages applicants to enroll early to ensure they have a compliant card prior to the new effective date. The full notice from DHS may be reviewed at <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/12/05/dhs-announces-extension-real-id-full-enforcement-deadline>. For additional information about acceptable documents required when applying for a REAL ID-compliant card visit the DOR website at [www.dor.mo.gov](http://www.dor.mo.gov).

Individuals may request a "Be An Organ Donor" specialty motor vehicle license plate to show their ongoing support of donor programs. As of November 2022 there were 852 active donor specialty plates on record. To learn more about how to obtain the "Be An Organ Donor" specialty plate visit <https://dor.mo.gov/motor-vehicle/plates/documents/SpecialtyPlateChart.pdf>.



## Missouri Department of Conservation *by Jake Buxton*

In 2022, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) continued sponsorship of the Donor Family Recognition program and provided swamp milkweed plant roots. When donor families plant the milkweed in memory of their loved one, they also help the monarch butterfly continue to live on. The milkweed plant is food and nesting material for the monarch butterfly.

Missouri hunters and fishers can enroll in the Donate Life Missouri Registry after completing MDC's online hunting and fishing permit purchasing portal.

MDC is pleased to bring you the flower and monarch butterfly photographs that are seen throughout this report.

# Missouri Snapshot



## Registered by Age

65+	813,980
55-64	632,145
45-54	668,980
35-44	846,006
25-34	783,485
18-24	389,589
15-17	72,367
≤14	4,046

Source: Donate Life Missouri Registry system, does not include out-of-state registrants. (6.24.2022)

## Missouri Registrants

# 4,210,598

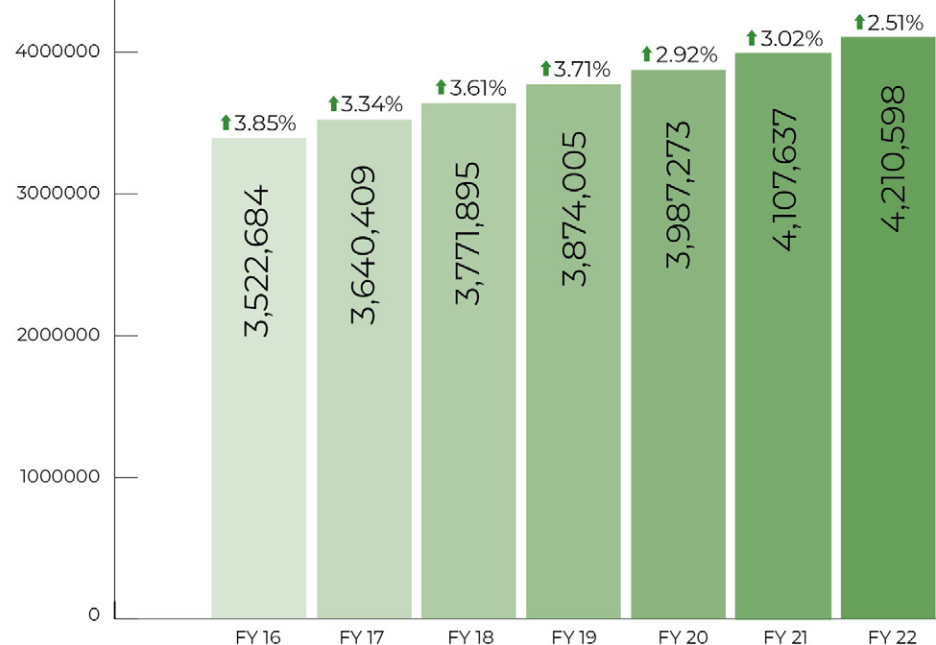
Source: Missouri Donor Registry System, does not include out-of-state registrants. (6.24.2022)

## Registered by Sex

Female	Male
2,226,333	1,984,265
52.87%	47.13%

Source: Donate Life Missouri Registry system, does not include out-of-state registrants. (6.25.2021)

## Total Registrants By Fiscal Year



Source: Donate Life Missouri Registry system age distribution report. Data does not include out-of-state registrants.



# Missouri Snapshot

## Transplant Statistics

**455**  
Kidney

**167**  
Liver

**92**  
Heart

**30**  
Lung

**758**

Transplant Recipients

**11**  
Kidney-  
Pancreas

**2**  
Pancreas

**1**  
Heart-Lung

**0**  
Intestine &  
VCAs

VCAs: Vascularized composite allografts involve the transplantation of multiple structures that may include skin, bone, muscles, blood vessels, nerves, and connective tissue.

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

### Donor Types

**FY 20**

Living

**95**

Deceased

**330**

**FY 21**

Living

**86**

Deceased

**389**

**FY 22**

Living

**94**

Deceased

**416**

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; Missouri Reported as Home State/Permanent Residence; July 1, 2018-June 30, 2022

### Donors | Transplants

**FY 20**

Donors

**445**

Transplants

**730**

**FY 21**

Donors

**475**

Transplants

**763**

**FY 22**

Donors

**510**

Transplants

**758**

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; Missouri Reported as Home State/Permanent Residence; July 1, 2018-June 30, 2022

## Heroes

**94** Living Donors

**416** Deceased Donors

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022



## Missouri Wait List

Organ	Individuals Waiting
Heart-Lung	0
Heart	34
Intestine	1
Kidney	1,197
Kidney-Pancreas	34
Liver	141
Lung	18
Pancreas	6
<b>Total*</b>	<b>1,406</b>

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) as of July 31, 2022. Note: \*Total number of patients in all organ types is less than the sum of the organs due to patients listed for multiple organs and where home state was Missouri.

## Removed from Waiting List

FY 19	FY 20	FY 21
Passed Away	Passed Away	Passed Away
<b>69</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>61</b>
Too Sick	Too Sick	Too sick
<b>328</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>372</b>

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; Missouri Reported as Permanent Residence at Time of Listing; July 1, 2018-June 30, 2021

**One organ donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of 75 or more.**

*Notes: Some data in this report is from United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Data Requests MODHSS\_GVT\_DR\_DATA0009583 and 03AUG2007-001. The content is the responsibility of the authors alone and does not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, nor does mention of trade names, commercial products, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government. Data from OPTN is based on the recipient or the donor information indicating that the individual's permanent residence or primary residence is Missouri. Data is subject to change due to future data submission or correction.*



# License Offices

Thank you!

## Highest Percent of Change-License Offices

The two tables at the bottom of this page show the highest percent of increase from the previous fiscal year for registrations and contributions. The calculation is by location and is independent of the contractor. The offices listed below received a certificate, delivered by a partner agency or mailed directly to the office, in recognition of their efforts.

Many offices maintained or exceeded their previous year's enrollment percentages despite the pandemic. A special thank you to license office staff for asking patrons if they want their name added to the registry and if they would like to support organ, eye, and tissue donation through a contribution. A full report showing the percent of change for registrations by office over the previous fiscal year begins on page 20.

### Registrations

Office	County	Percent of Change
New London	Ralls	43.0
Ste. Genevieve	Ste. Genevieve	32.0
Raytown	Jackson	20.8
Ellington	Reynolds	16.4
Carthage	Jasper	11.1
Monticello	Lewis	7.0
Steelville	Crawford	6.9
Grant City	Worth	6.7
Jackson	Cape Girardeau	6.2
Dexter	Stoddard	5.2

*Note: Contractor change or office closure during FY 21 or FY 22 may alter the percentage. Data is subject to change based on future data submission or correction.*

### Contributions

Office	County	Percent of Change
Jackson	Cape Girardeau	27.0
Creve Coeur	St. Louis	21.6
California	Moniteau	21.1
DeSoto	Jefferson	20.0
New London	Ralls	19.8
Maplewood	St. Louis	19.4
Florissant	St. Louis	18.5
Ste. Genevieve	Ste. Genevieve	15.7
Steelville	Crawford	12.0
South County	St. Louis	11.6

*Note: Contractor change or office closure during FY 21 or FY 22 may alter the percentage. Data is subject to change based on future data submission or correction.*

## FY 22 Recognition

The local license offices with the highest percentage of registrations and contribution collections per transaction receive recognition. Recognition includes mention in the annual report and a certificate.

Awards are calculated on a quarterly and yearly basis. The following offices were recognized in FY 22. Each list begins with the license office with the highest ranking.

### First Quarter

#### Registrations

- Butler
- Ozark
- Des Peres
- Washington
- Nixa

#### Contributions

- Maplewood
- Princeton
- Stockton
- Montgomery City
- Jackson

### Second Quarter

#### Registrations

- Pacific
- Nixa
- Ozark
- Des Peres
- Excelsior Springs

#### Contributions

- Jackson
- Creve Coeur
- Stockton
- Montgomery City
- Princeton

### Third Quarter

#### Registrations

- Carthage
- Pacific
- Excelsior Springs
- Platte City
- Maplewood

#### Contributions

- Princeton
- Maplewood
- Creve Coeur
- Jackson
- Stockton

### Fourth Quarter

#### Registrations

- Ozark
- Nixa
- Des Peres
- Pacific
- Carthage

#### Contributions

- Creve Coeur
- Princeton
- Jackson
- Maplewood
- Stockton

### Yearly

#### Registrations

- Columbia South
- Ozark
- Des Peres
- Pacific
- Carthage

#### Contributions

- Stockton
- Jackson
- DeSoto
- Florissant
- Paris



# It's here!

The **NEW** Missouri driver license!



The new license still has the symbol on the front! If you decided to be a donor after obtaining or renewing your license or identification card, there is a place on the back to add a sticker. Just complete an on-line registration and check the box that indicates you do not have the symbol on the front of your license or call 888.487.5465 and ask for a paper registration form. Symbol status is verified with the Department of Revenue's Division of Motor Vehicles prior to a donor sticker being issued.





# License Offices

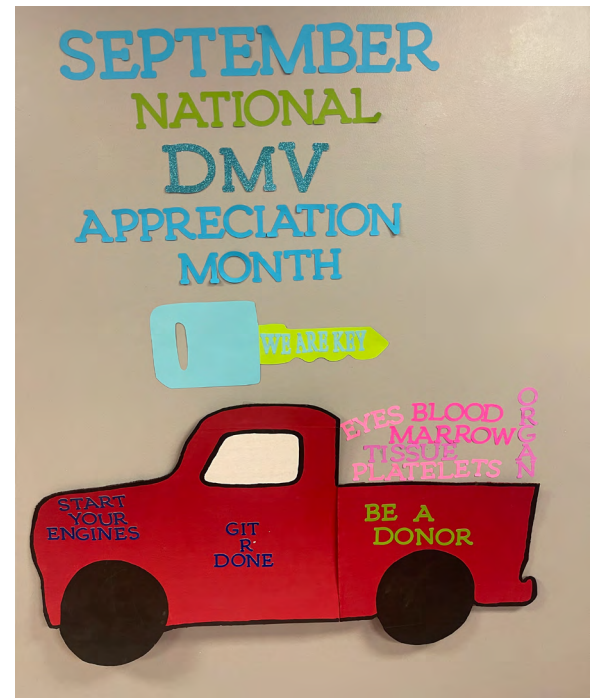
## Donation Awareness *by Elizabeth Gonzales-Manns*

### Helping to Save and Enhance Lives

Midwest Transplant Network (MTN) has the honor of working with hardworking and dedicated licensing office partners around its service area in Missouri, including an office that continues to build connections and awareness around the mission of organ, eye and tissue donation.

For the past few years, Maryville License Bureau has participated in various contests and awareness opportunities to engage their patrons about the importance and impact of donation. They have created various wall murals inclusive of local donor heroes and donation-related information to engage and inform their patrons.

Thank you, Maryville License Bureau, for your continued support and partnership. Your dedication and service are truly making a difference to save and enhance lives.



*Poster created and displayed by staff.*



*Left to Right: Maryville License Office Staff Stefanie Dotson and Kathie Williams*

# Missouri Registry Participation



## Participation by License Office *by Ian Collins*

According to the 2019 National Survey of Organ Donation Attitudes and Practices, the U.S. adult population sample supports organ donation and only 60% are actually signed up as donors. To every clerk that asks every individual if they want to be a registered donor, thank you.

County/Office Name	FY 22	% of Change	County/Office Name	FY 22	% of Change
ADAIR			CAPE GIRARDEAU		
Kirkville.....	50.29%	+0.9	Cape Girardeau.....	56.13%	-0.5
			Jackson.....	63.75%	+6.2
ANDREW			CARROLL		
Savannah.....	60.45%	+2.2	Carrollton.....	54.28%	+4.0
ATCHISON			CARTER		
Rock Port.....	62.37%	-0.8	Van Buren.....	38.837%	+0.5
AUDRAIN			CASS		
Mexico.....	53.56%	-0.9	Belton.....	58.46%	-1.0
			Harrisonville.....	62.38%	+1.5
BARRY			CEDAR		
Cassville.....	51.66%	+1.9	Stockton.....	56.79%	+2.2
Monett.....	51.99%	+0.3			
BARTON			CHARITON		
Lamar.....	56.55%	-1.8	Keytesville.....	48.78%	+3.8
BATES			CHRISTIAN		
Butler.....	61.62%	+1.0	Nixa.....	65.54%	+1.5
			Ozark.....	66.66%	+4.6
BENTON			CLARK		
Warsaw.....	50.13%	-0.5	Kahoka.....	57.88%	+3.3
BOLLINGER			CLAY		
Marble Hill.....	46.97%	+2.1	Excelsior Springs.....	65.77%	+0.3
			Gladstone.....	56.70%	-2.0
BOONE			Liberty.....	65.84%	-0.9
Columbia.....	53.25%	-0.8	North Kansas City.....	45.99%	+1.2
Columbia South.....	68.67%	+0.5			
BUCHANAN			CLINTON		
St. Joseph.....	51.47%	-2.2	Cameron.....	58.30%	+0.8
			Plattsburg.....	63.90%	+3.1
BUTLER			COLE		
Poplar Bluff.....	46.26%	+0.7	Jefferson City.....	57.76%	-0.5
			Jefferson City Mini Branch....	02.00%	+2.0
CALDWELL			COOPER		
Kingston.....	61.52%	-0.8	Boonville.....	55.06%	+0.6
CALLAWAY			CRAWFORD		
Fulton.....	57.02%	+2.3	Cuba.....	59.16%	+2.7
			Steelville.....	56.03%	+6.9
CAMDEN			DADE		
Camdenton.....	62.57%	+0.6	Greenfield.....	58.53%	+1.8
			DALLAS		
			Buffalo.....	47.37%	-1.1





# Missouri Registry Participation

County/Office Name	FY 22%	of Change	County/Office Name	FY 22	% of Change
DAVIES			IRON		
No office .....	0.0%	+0.0	Arcadia Valley .....	47.05%	+0.4
DENT			Viburnum .....	37.44%	+2.2
Salem .....	47.37%	+2.5	JACKSON		
DOUGLAS			Blue Springs .....	62.78%	+0.9
Ava .....	41.41%	-2.1	Grandview.....	46.82%	+1.0
DUNKLIN			Independence.....	46.19%	-1.9
Kennett .....	44.17%	-1.4	Kansas City.....	38.63%	-1.1
Malden.....	40.24%	-2.0	Lee's Summit .....	61.75%	-1.0
FRANKLIN			Raytown.....	45.86%	+20.8
Pacific.....	66.16%	-0.5	Sugar Creek.....	54.71%	+1.1
St. Clair.....	52.26%	-0.1	JASPER		
Union .....	63.04%	+0.8	Carthage .....	66.13%	+11.1
Washington.....	64.96%	-1.1	Joplin.....	61.01%	-0.4
GASCONADE			Sarcoie.....	51.92%	-0.4
Hermann.....	56.11%	+0.9	JEFFERSON		
Owensville .....	52.45%	+0.4	Arnold .....	57.62%	+0.4
GENTRY			DeSoto .....	57.78%	+3.4
Stanberry .....	58.99%	-0.5	High Ridge.....	59.69%	+2.6
GREENE			Imperial.....	64.83%	+0.6
Glenstone .....	58.97%	-0.1	Twin City .....	57.66%	-3.1
Republic.....	60.44%	-0.5	JOHNSON		
South Springfield .....	59.96%	+0.5	Warrensburg.....	60.95%	-0.2
Springfield.....	53.81%	+1.7	KNOX		
GRUNDY			Edina .....	51.55%	+1.8
Trenton .....	45.18%	+0.6	LACLEDE		
HARRISON			Lebanon .....	52.37%	-1.5
Bethany.....	50.78%	+0.5	LAFAYETTE		
HENRY			Lexington .....	56.38%	+2.1
Clinton .....	55.1%	+1.6	LAWRENCE		
HICKORY			Aurora .....	54.28%	-0.6
Hermitage .....	52.32%	+3.1	Mount Vernon .....	59.48%	+1.9
HOWARD			LEWIS		
Fayette .....	55.1%	+1.3	Monticello.....	62.55%	+7.0
HOWELL			LINCOLN		
Mountain View .....	46.12%	+0.3	Troy .....	43.78%	+1.6
West Plains .....	52.21%	+1.2	LINN		
Willow Springs .....	54.19%	+0.7	Brookfield .....	56.11%	+2.4
			LIVINGSTON		
			Chillicothe.....	59.50%	+1.7

# Missouri Registry Participation



County/Office Name	FY 22	% of Change	County/Office Name	FY 22	% of Change
MACON			OZARK		
Macon .....57.04%		+3.7	Gainesville .....49.11%		-2.1
MADISON			PEMISCOT		
Fredericktown .....46.65%		-2.6	Caruthersville .....40.61%		+0.8
MARIES			PERRY		
Vienna .....53.82%		+2.5	Perryville .....50.70%		+1.1
MARION			PETTIS		
Hannibal .....57.79%		+0.6	Sedalia .....48.70%		+1.1
Palmyra .....59.26%		+2.5			
MCDONALD			PHELPS		
Pineville .....47.53%		-1.8	Rolla .....52.13%		-3.1
MERCER			PIKE		
Princeton .....53.52%		+2.4	Bowling Green .....51.98%		+2.5
			Louisiana .....56.85%		+3.3
MILLER			PLATTE		
Eldon .....60.95%		+1.2	Parkville .....62.87%		+1.7
MISSISSIPPI			Platte City .....65.25%		+0.6
Charleston .....40.13%		+4.9			
MONITEAU			POLK		
California .....53.33%		+1.6	Bolivar .....56.22%		+2.3
MONROE			PULASKI		
Monroe City .....57.00%		+1.7	Waynesville .....57.29%		-0.8
Paris .....54.94%		+4.0			
MONTGOMERY			PUTNAM		
Montgomery City .....60.86%		+3.6	Unionville .....50.61%		+4.2
MORGAN			RALLS		
Versailles .....54.06%		+0.0	New London .....43.00%		+43.0
NEW MADRID			RANDOLPH		
New Madrid .....31.48%		-10.2	Moberly .....56.35%		+1.9
NEWTON			RAY		
Neosho .....54.50%		+0.6	Richmond .....52.47%		-2.2
NODAWAY			REYNOLDS		
Maryville .....59.17%		-3.3	Ellington .....46.28%		+16.4
OREGON			RIPLEY		
Alton .....41.51%		+1.7	Doniphan .....45.09%		-0.9
OSAGE			SALINE		
Linn .....59.20%		-2.3	Marshall .....47.91%		+0.2
			SCOTLAND		
			Memphis .....44.83%		-0.2



# Missouri Registry Participation

County/Office Name	FY 20	% of Change	County/Office Name	FY 20	% of Change
SCOTT			STONE		
Chaffee .....	53.72%	+1.0	Branson West .....	58.14%	-2.4
Sikeston .....	46.14%	-1.6	Crane .....	54.47%	+0.5
SHANNON			SULLIVAN		
Eminence .....	48.08%	-0.3	Milan .....	44.57%	+3.6
SHELBY			TANEY		
Shelbina.....	54.97%	+4.9	Branson .....	56.04%	-2.4
ST CHARLES			Forsyth .....	59.90%	+0.1
Harvester.....	60.91%	+1.2	TEXAS		
O'Fallon .....	53.85%	+0.3	Houston.....	36.43%	-10.9
St. Charles .....	53.10%	-0.2	VERNON		
Wentzville.....	63.28%	+0.2	Nevada .....	58.15%	+1.9
ST CLAIR			WARREN		
Osceola.....	52.77%	+4.0	Warrenton .....	56.29%	-0.9
ST FRANCOIS			WASHINGTON		
Bonne Terre.....	55.75%	+3.3	Potosi .....	39.68%	+1.9
Farmington .....	46.17%	+3.4	WAYNE		
ST LOUIS			Piedmont.....	47.24%	+4.8
Aftton .....	50.71%	+1.1	WEBSTER		
Bridgeton.....	36.43%	+1.6	Marshfield .....	55.25%	+1.0
Chesterfield .....	60.09%	-2.7	WORTH		
Clayton .....	51.20%	-4.0	Grant City .....	61.59%	+6.7
Creve Coeur.....	57.16%	+0.2	WRIGHT		
Des Peres.....	66.37%	-0.5	Hartville.....	43.68%	-0.6
Ferguson.....	9.95%	-7.7	Mountain Grove .....	43.40%	+1.0
Florissant.....	36.99%	+4.3			
Maplewood .....	64.91%	+0.7			
North County.....	18.78%	+1.4			
Oakville .....	48.72%	-4.7			
Olivette.....	41.57%	+0.5			
Overland.....	34.53%	-1.5			
South County.....	60.70%	+0.6			
West County.....	62.58%	+0.2			
ST LOUIS CITY					
Central West End.....	30.94%	-2.8			
Downtown.....	31.73%	-1.0			
South Kingshighway .....	44.46%	+0.7			
STE. GENEVIEVE					
Ste. Genevieve .....	60.58%	+32.0			
STODDARD					
Dexter.....	52.00%	+5.2			

## DATA LIMITATIONS

Registry participation is for July 2021 through June 2022 and is based on the total transactions and number of individuals responding "yes" to being placed on the registry. Percentages are calculated by location independent of contractor. A contractor change, new office, or office closure may alter the percentage. Percent of change refers to change from the previous fiscal year. Data is subject to change based on future data submission or correction.



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